

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

**ABSTRACT**

Forest Department - Diversion of 3.9312 Ha. of forest land in Compartment No. 132 in Mangalagiri RF, Guntur Division for quarry lease for extraction of road metal and gravel, in favour of Shri. S. Ranga Swamy of Thadepally Village of Guntur District - Permission accorded - Orders - Issued.

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**ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (FOR.I) DEPARTMENT**

**G.O Ms. No. 66**

**Dated: 09-07-2014.**

**Read the following:-**

1. From PCCF, A.P, Hyderabad, Lr.Rc.No.57551/2010-F2, dt.17-9-2012.
2. State Govt. Lr.No.8229/For.I (1)/2012, dt:01-12-2012.
3. From GoI, MoEF, Lr.No.4-APB914/2012-BAN/4160, dt:23-09-2013.
4. State Govt. letter No. 8229/FOR.I (1)/2012, dt.15-3-2014.
5. From GOI, MoEF, Lr.No.4-APB914/2012-BAN/5034, dt:24-3-2014.

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**ORDER:**

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad in his letter 1<sup>st</sup> read above, has submitted a proposal under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for diversion of 3.9312 Ha. of forest land in Compartment No. 132 in Mangalagiri RF, Guntur Division for quarry lease for extraction of road metal and gravel, in favour of Shri. S. Ranga Swamy of Thadepally Village of Guntur District, and requested to forward the same to Government of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests, for according necessary approval under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

2. The said proposal was sent to Government of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests, for their approval under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 vide State Government letter 2<sup>nd</sup> read above.

3. Government of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests, vide their letter 3<sup>rd</sup> read above, have accorded their approval in-principle (Stage.I) under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for the proposal, for a period of 10 years, subject to compliance of certain conditions as stipulated therein.

4. The State Government vide letter 4<sup>th</sup> read above, have furnished compliance report on the conditions stipulated by the Government of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests, while according in-principle (Stage.I) approval.

5. Government of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests, in their letter 5<sup>th</sup> read above, have accorded their approval (Stage.II) under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for diversion of 3.9312 Ha. of forest land in Compartment No. 132 in Mangalagiri RF, Guntur Division for quarry lease for extraction of road metal and gravel, in favour of Shri. S. Ranga Swamy of Thadepally Village of Guntur District, for a period of 10 years, subject to certain conditions as stipulated therein.

6. Government after careful examination of the proposal, hereby accord permission to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad, for diversion of 3.9312 Ha. of forest land in Compartment No. 132 in Mangalagiri RF, Guntur Division for quarry lease for extraction of road metal and gravel, in favour of Shri. S. Ranga Swamy of Thadepally Village of Guntur District, for a period of 10 years, subject to the following conditions:-

- (i) The Legal status of forest land shall remain unchanged.

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- (ii) The demarcation of the proposed forest area shall be carried out by erecting 4 feet high cement concrete pillars duly numbered at an interval of 20 meters at the cost of User Agency.
- (iii) The Compensatory Afforestation shall be raised over 3.972 ha. in Sy No.120, 112/1, 111/5, 112/2, 112/3 & 112/4 of Venkatayacheruvu of CS Puram Mandal, Prakasam District at the cost of user agency. The State Government shall obtain prior permission of Central Government for change of location and schedule of Compensatory Afforestation site, if any.
- (iv) Non-forest land for Compensatory Afforestation shall be notified by the State Government as RF / PF under Indian Forest Act, 1927 or the State Forest Act and Nodal Officer (FCA) shall report the compliance within 6 months.
- (v) Additional amount of the Net Present Value (NPV) of the diverted forest land if any, becoming due after revision of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in future, shall be charged by the State Government from User Agency. User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.
- (vi) The State Government shall maintain area upto 7.5 meters as safety zone area all along the boundary as per the guidelines issued under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 at the cost of User Agency. The State Government shall also raise and maintain the plantation over an area, one and half times of the extent of the safety zone in degraded forest land elsewhere at the project cost.
- (vii) User Agency shall maintain the proper height and width of benches while extracting the material and bench height shall not be less than the width of the bench
- (viii) User Agency shall obtain environmental clearance under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.
- (ix) Soil conservation measures shall be taken up at the cost of User Agency.
- (x) The forest area shall be used for the purpose of mining, storage of materials and OB dumps only. No permanent buildings or labour sheds should be constructed in the leased area.
- (xi) Concurrent progressive Reclamation followed by Afforestation and maintenance with suitable species in consultation Divisional Forest Officer shall be taken up by the User Agency.
- (xii) The consent of Andhra Pradesh Pollution Control Board (APPCB) shall be obtained under Air and Water Act before commencement of mining operation.
- (xiii) A comprehensive monitoring shall be done at the end of five years to study the impact of mining. If it is found that the lessee has violated or is not complying with the stipulated conditions, then the approval given under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 shall be revoked.
- (xiv) The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 3.9312 ha. In case the land is not taken over by User Agency or the same is not used for the stipulated purpose within a period of two years from the date of Stage-II clearance, then the area shall be taken back by the Forest Department.

- (xv) Any other condition that the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Central), Regional Office, Bangalore may impose from time to time for protection, improvement of flora and fauna in the forest area and in public interest.

7. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad is directed to take further necessary action in the matter.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)  
S.P. SINGH  
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To  
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,  
Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.

**Copy to:**

The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Central)  
Government of India,  
Ministry of Environment & Forests,  
Regional Office, Panagal Building,  
8<sup>th</sup> Floor, Saidapet, Chennai – 600015.

The User Agency i.e. Shri. S. Ranga Swamy  
Thadepally Village of Guntur District  
SF/SC

// FORWARDED :: BY ORDER //

SECTION OFFICER.